

Very abundant and destructive, boring long galleries in wood, with apparent indifference whether the wood be dead or living. (T. B.)

APIS MELLIFICA, *Linn. Syst. Nat.* i. p. 955.

*Hab.* Sandwich Islands, &c. &c.

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Contributions to the Ornithology of New Guinea. By R. BOWDLER SHARPE, F.L.S., F.Z.S. &c.—Part VI. On Collections made by the Rev. W. G. Lawes in South-eastern New Guinea.

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THE collections which have been made in the neighbourhood of Port Moresby during the last few years seem to have tolerably well exhausted the ornithology of that part of New Guinea, and each consignment which reaches England is more or less a repetition of those which have gone before. The Rev. Mr. Lawes, however, has made a small collection of birds; and as he has visited one or two places to the eastward of Port Moresby, I have thought it advisable to give a list of his specimens, as the range of the birds in an easterly direction is one of considerable interest to the student of the avifauna of South-eastern New Guinea.

Walter Bay, Mr. Lawes informs me, is situated a few miles to the east of Port Moresby; but Hood Bay is about sixty miles east of the last-mentioned place. I have referred to my former paper on Mr. Stone's collection (*Journ. Linn. Soc.* xiii. p. 486). The "Laroki" river there mentioned is the same as the Laloke river of the present paper, as Mr. Lawes tells me the latter is the more correct pronunciation.

1. HALIASTUR GIRRENERA (*V.*); *Sharpe, Journ. Linn. Soc.* xiii. p. 490. Walter Bay.

2. MICROGLOSSUM ATERRIMUM (*Gm.*); *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 491. Hood Bay.

3. GEOFFROYIUS ARUENSIS (*Gray*); *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 491. Laloke River.

4. CYCLOPSITTA SUAVISSIMA, *Sclater*; *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 491. Laloke River.

5. TRICHOGLOSSUS MASSENA, *Bp.*; *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 491. Hood Bay; Laloke River.
6. CHALCOPSITTACUS SCINTILLATUS (*Temm.*); *Salvad. Ann. Mus. Civic. Genov.* xiv. p. 37. Hood Bay; Laloke River. Count Salvadori, in his account of Signor D'Albertis's Fly-River collections, has reunited his *C. chloropterus* of South-eastern New Guinea to *C. scintillatus*, which conclusion appears to me to be perfectly correct.
7. EOS FUSCATA, *Blyth*; *Sharpe, anted.*, p. 628. Walter Bay.
8. ECLECTUS POLYCHLORUS (*Scop.*); *Sharpe, op. cit.* xiii. p. 491. Port Moresby; Laloke River.
9. SCYTHROPS NOVÆ-HOLLANDIÆ, *Lath.*; *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 492. Walter Bay.
10. MEROPS ORNATUS, *Lath.*; *Salvad. Ann. Mus. Civic. Genov.* xiv. p. 47. "A very common bird on the coast and inland. Lays eggs in sand" (*W. G. Laves*).
11. DACELO INTERMEDIUS, *Salvad.*; *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 493. Laloke River.
12. DACELO GAUDICHAUDI (*Less.*); *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 493. Hood Bay.
13. RHYTIDOCEROS RUFICOLLIS, *V.*; *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 493. Hood Bay; Laloke River.
14. EURYSTOMUS CRASSIROSTRIS, *Sclater*; *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 493. Laloke River.
15. EURYSTOMUS PACIFICUS (*Lath.*); *Salvad. Ann. Mus. Civic. Genov.* xiv. p. 53. Walter Bay.
16. HALCYON SANCTA, *V. & H.*; *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 492. Laloke River.
17. HALCYON MACLEAYI, *J. & S.*; *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 492. Laloke River.
18. SYMA TOROTORO, *Less.*; *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 492. Walter Bay.
19. TANYSIPTERA MICHRORHYNCHA, *Sharpe*; *id. t. c.* p. 493. Walter Bay.
20. PODARGUS PAPUENSIS, *Q. & G.*; *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 493. Walter Bay.

21. *PITTA NOVÆ-GUINEÆ*, *M. & Schl.*; *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 494. Laloke River.
22. *CHLAMYDODERA CERVINIVENTRIS*, *Gould*; *Salvad. t. c.* p. 495. Port Moresby.
23. *TROPIDORHYNCHUS NOVÆ-GUINEÆ*, *S. Müll.*; *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 497. Laloke River.
24. *MONARCHA MELANOPSIS*, *V.*; *Sharpe, Cat. B.* iv. p. 430. Laloke River.
25. *MALURUS ALBISCAPULATUS*, *Meyer*; *Sharpe, Cat. B.* iii. p. 297. Laloke River; Walter Bay.
26. *CRACTICUS CASSICUS* (*Bodd.*); *Sharpe, Journ. Linn. Soc.* xiii. p. 499. Laloke River.
27. *CRACTICUS MENTALIS*, *Salvad. & D'Albert.*; *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 499. Laloke River.
28. *ORIOLOUS STRIATUS*, *Q. & G.*; *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 500. Walter Bay.
29. *SPLECOOTHERES SALVADORII*, *Sharpe*; *t. c.* p. 500. Port Moresby; Laloke River.
30. *PSEUDORECTES FERRUGINEUS* (*Bp.*); *Sharpe, Cat. B.* iii. p. 287. Laloke River.
31. *CHIBIA CARBONARIA* (*Müll.*); *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 499. Laloke River.
32. *PARADISEA RAGGIANA*, *Sclater*; *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 500. Laloke River. A considerable series. All the specimens are true *P. raggiana*, and do not exhibit any of the curious hybridization with *P. novæ-guinæ* noticed by Signor D'Albertis on the Fly River. (*Cf. Salvad. Ann. Mus. Civic. Genov.* xiv. p. 80.)
33. *CORVUS ORRU*, *Müll.*—*Corone orru*, *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 501. Akeva River, Hood Bay; Laloke River.
34. *EULABES DUMONTI* (*Less.*); *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 501. Walter Bay; Laloke River.
35. *MELANOPYRRHUS ROBERTSONI*, *Sharpe, anted.*, p. 633. Laloke River.
36. *CALORNIS VIRIDESCENS*, *Gray*; *Sharpe, Journ. Linn. Soc.* xiii. p. 501. Walter Bay; Hood Bay; Laloke River.

37. *ARTAMUS LEUCORHYNCHUS* (L.).—*A. leucogaster*, *Salvad. Ann. Mus. Civic. Genov.* xiv. p. 69. Port Moresby.
38. *DONACOLA NIGRICEPS*, *Ramsay*; *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 501. Laloke River.
39. *MUNIA CANICEPS*, *Salvad. Ann. Mus. Civic. Genov.* ix. p. 38. Port Moresby; Laloke River. "These Finches come in flocks about September, and feed on seeds of the dried grasses" (*W. G. Lawes*).
40. *CAMPOPHAGA SPILORRHOA*, *Gray*.—*Myristicivora spilorrhoea* (*Gray*); *Salvad. Ann. Mus. Civic. Genov.* ix. p. 276. Laloke River.
41. *CARPOPHAGA MUELLERI*, *Temm.*; *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 502. Laloke River.
42. *CARPOPHAGA PINON* (Q. & G.); *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 502. Laloke River.
43. *CARPOPHAGA PUELLA* (*Less.*); *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 503. Laloke River.
44. *PTILONOPUS AURANTIFRONS*, *Gray*; *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 503. Laloke River.
45. *PTILONOPUS IOZONUS*, *Gray*; *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 503. Walter Bay.
46. *PTILONOPUS CORONULATUS*, *Gray*; *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 503. Laloke River.
47. *GOURA ALBERTISII*, *Salvad.*; *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 503. Laloke River.
48. *GEOPHELIA HUMERALIS* (*Temm.*); *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 503. Walter Bay.
49. *LOBIVANELLUS MILES* (*Bodd.*); *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 504. Laloke River.
50. *ARDEA SACRA*, *Gm.*; *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 504. Port Moresby.
51. *PORPHYRIO MELANOPTERUS*, *Temm.*; *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 505. Port Moresby.
52. *TADORNA RADJAH*, *Garn.*; *Sharpe, t. c.* p. 505. Laloke River.
53. *TACHYPETES MINOR* (*Gm.*).—*Fregata minor*, *Salvad. Ucc. Born.* p. 364. Port Moresby. One specimen of the smaller Frigate-bird was also in Mr. Goldie's collection.